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Tucker & Morningside Students Win "Why I Like Perry" Essay Contest

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Students from Tucker Elementary and Morningside Elementary were named winners of the "Why I Like Perry" essay contest. Sponsored by Pauline Lewis, a Perry resident since 1944 and active community member, the entries were judged by a panel of community citizens. Each winner received a \$25 cash award, trophy and certificate, and their essays will be published in a book.

The award winners were: Charlton Williams from Morningside Elementary and Elizabeth Price, Chelsea Brown and Jane Pham from Tucker Elementary. An excerpt from each winning entry is shown below.

"I like Perry because of the rodeo that they have. I like the buttery popcorn and the sprite. I really like it when they let the bulls out with the cowboys riding them. I liked it because of the horses when they let the horses out with the cowgirls and cowboys on them to try to get the cows tied up. I liked the music that was played when there was not anything going on. I really like the clown that came out and did silly things on the airplane. The rodeo was really, really fun." ~ Charlton Williams, Morningside Elementary, second-grader

"Schools are great in Perry. They make learning fun. All three years I've been in the gifted program have been great. I love the field trips!" ~ Elizabeth Price, Tucker Elementary, third-grader

"The 1st thing I like about Perry is the Perry Dogwood festival. It has so many things to do from jumping on a bungee cord to looking in shops. It's also a great place to spend time with family." ~ Chelsea Brown, Tucker Elementary, fourth-grader

"Even though the land is small, there are lots of amazing people and friends. They all work, help, and support each other in the small community. Each and every one of them are always supporting and making each other smile." ~ Jane Pham, Tucker Elementary, fifth-grader

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